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classification

DATE 7 FEBRUARY 1969

578

PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE	IMMEDIATE
	PRIORITY	FLASH

TO:

INFO:

CITE

158869

number

482

PRIORITY **SECRET**

CITE ☐

6378

INTRA RYBAT CATUSK ☐

REF DIRECTOR 72889 / BOOK MESSAGE

1. IN LIGHT OF REFERENCE AND IF MHRUSH IS PROCEEDING WITH STRAIGHT EXCHANGE OF FELFE FOR WESTERN AGENTS, YOU MIGHT WISH TO MAKE REPRESENTATION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL AGAINST RELEASE OF FELFE UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

2. BELIEVE VALIDITY THIS CONSIDERATION CAN BE FOUND IN FACT THAT FELFE IS ESPECIALLY HOT POTATO AT THIS TIME ON WHICH EAST GERMANS OR SOVIETS (OR BOTH) COULD PEG LARGE SPLASH, EXPLOITING FELFE'S ESPIONAGE RECORD TO THE EMBARRASSMENT OF LNHRP AND MHRUSH. BELIEVE POTENTIAL DANGER INVOLVED WHETHER OR NOT FELFE GOES EAST, OR AT LAST MINUTE AND ON HIS OWN REQUESTS STAY IN WEST.

3. IF YOU DECIDE TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, BELIEVE YOU COULD COUNT ON CATUSK BACKING YOUR POSTPONEMENT REQUEST. HAVE NOT DISCUSSED WITH CATUSK, AND WILL NOT RAISE WITH ☐ AT 1500 MEETING THIS DATE UNLESS YOU SO DESIRE.

**SECRET**

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2E  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2005

Releasing Officer

**SECRET**  
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GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and declassification